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SUBJ: NATIONALIST FRONT STATEMENT ON FORMATION OF GOVERNMENT

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1. THE LEADERS OF THE "NATIONALIST FRONT" GROUP OF CENTER-RIGHT PARTIES, IN JANUARY 7 PUBLIC STATEMENT, CALLED ON THE PRESIDENT TO DESIGNATE SOMEONE TO FORM A GOVERNMENT BASED ON PARLIAMENT. THE DECLARATION SUGGESTED THAT THE PRESIDENT, IF HE FELT THAT A GOVERNMENT COULD BE FORMED BY THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) AND DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP), SHOULD GIVE DESIGNATION TO THOSE PARTIES, OTHERWISE, THE "NATIONALIST FRONT" (PRESUMABLY MEANING JUSTICE PARTY CHAIRMAN DEMIREL) SHOULD BE DESIGNATED.

2. THE FRONT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THEY CONTROLLED ONLY 218 VOTES AND NOTED THAT THE RPP AND DP TOGETHER HAD SUFFICIENT VOTES EITHER TO FORM A GOVERNMENT OR TO DECIDE ON EARLY ELECTIONS. THEIR DECLARATION WENT ON TO CRITICIZE THE RPP FOR ATTEMPTING
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TO "PARALYZE" THE GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT.

3. COMMENT: THE NATIONALIST FRONT DECLARATION WAS APPRENTLY INTENDED TO PUT PRESSURE ON PRESIDENT KORUTURK EITHER TO DECLARE THEIR COALITION BID UNACCEPTABLE OR TO INVITE DEMIREL TO FORM A GOVERNMENT. IF PRESIDENT IS WILLING TO RESPOND, HIS MOST LIKELY NEXT STEP WOULD BE ANOTHER ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS WITH PARTY LEADERS. THE FRONT APPEARS TO BELIEVE THAT THEY COULD WIN VOTE OF CONFIDENCE ON BASIS THAT THEIR DESIGNATION TO FORM A GOVERNMENT WOULD ATTRACT ENOUGH DP "FENCE SITTERS" (REFTEL) TO PRODUCE MAJORITY.
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